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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR §1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem relevant to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

STATEMENT OF RELEVANCE

The relevance of some of these references (AA, AB, AF, AG, and AH) to the subject matter of the present invention is given in the Background and Summary of the Invention in the specification of the present invention.

CONCISE EXPLANATION OF NON-ENGLISH LANGUAGE DOCUMENTS

An English abstract and a U.S. counterpart of German Patent No. DE 197 57 356 C1 and DE 196 24 095 C1 are submitted herewith.

English abstracts summarizing the disclosures of the German Patent publication No. DE 196 01 568 A1, and the Japan

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Patent publication No. JP 4022361 A1, are submitted herewith.
(Note: the International Search Report incorrectly shows the Japan Patent publication No. as JP 04 022361 A1).

In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 CFR \$1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant encloses herewith a copy of a corresponding foreign Search Report citing such documents, together with an English-language version (if not already included) of that portion of the Search Report indicating the degree of relevance found by the foreign office.

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